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In re Application of :
Neter et al. :
Application No. 09/996,991 :
Filed: November 30, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 13201.00137 :

DECISION GRANTING
PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed February 25, 2002, to establish that pages 8 and 9 of the specification were part of the originally filed application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.53 is **dismissed**.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No further petition fee is required for the request. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.53." This is not final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

On November 30, 2001, the application was filed.

On December 28, 2001, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of November 30, 2001, and advising applicants that pages 8 and 9 of the specification appeared to have been omitted.

In response, the present petition was filed alleging that pages 8 and 9 were deposited on November 30, 2001. In support, petitioner has submitted a postcard receipt which acknowledges receipt of "Specification (including claims & abstract) (71 pp)" on November 30, 2001.¹ Petitioner has also submitted a copy of the missing documentation- pages 8 and 9 of the specification.

Upon review of the record, pages 8 and 9, deposited on November 30, 2001, have not been located. The evidence is convincing that the application papers deposited on November 30, 2001, included pages 8 and 9, and that the pages were subsequently misplaced in the PTO.

However, the copy of pages 8 and 9 submitted with the petition cannot be used for examination purposes. The petition states, "enclosed for the Examiner's convenience are copies of page 8 and

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9." The copies of pages 8 and 9 are partially illegible. For example, on page 8, words such as "preform", "and", "heat", "those", "molding", "the", "cooling" and others have portions of letters omitted. Page 9 also is partially illegible. OIPE cannot scan the entire specification if portions are illegible. Copies of page 8 and 9 as submitted are attached. It should be noted that the other pages of the specification are clearly legible.

Petitioner should submit a legible copy of pages 8 and 9.

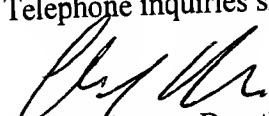
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Attached: Copies of Page 8 and 9